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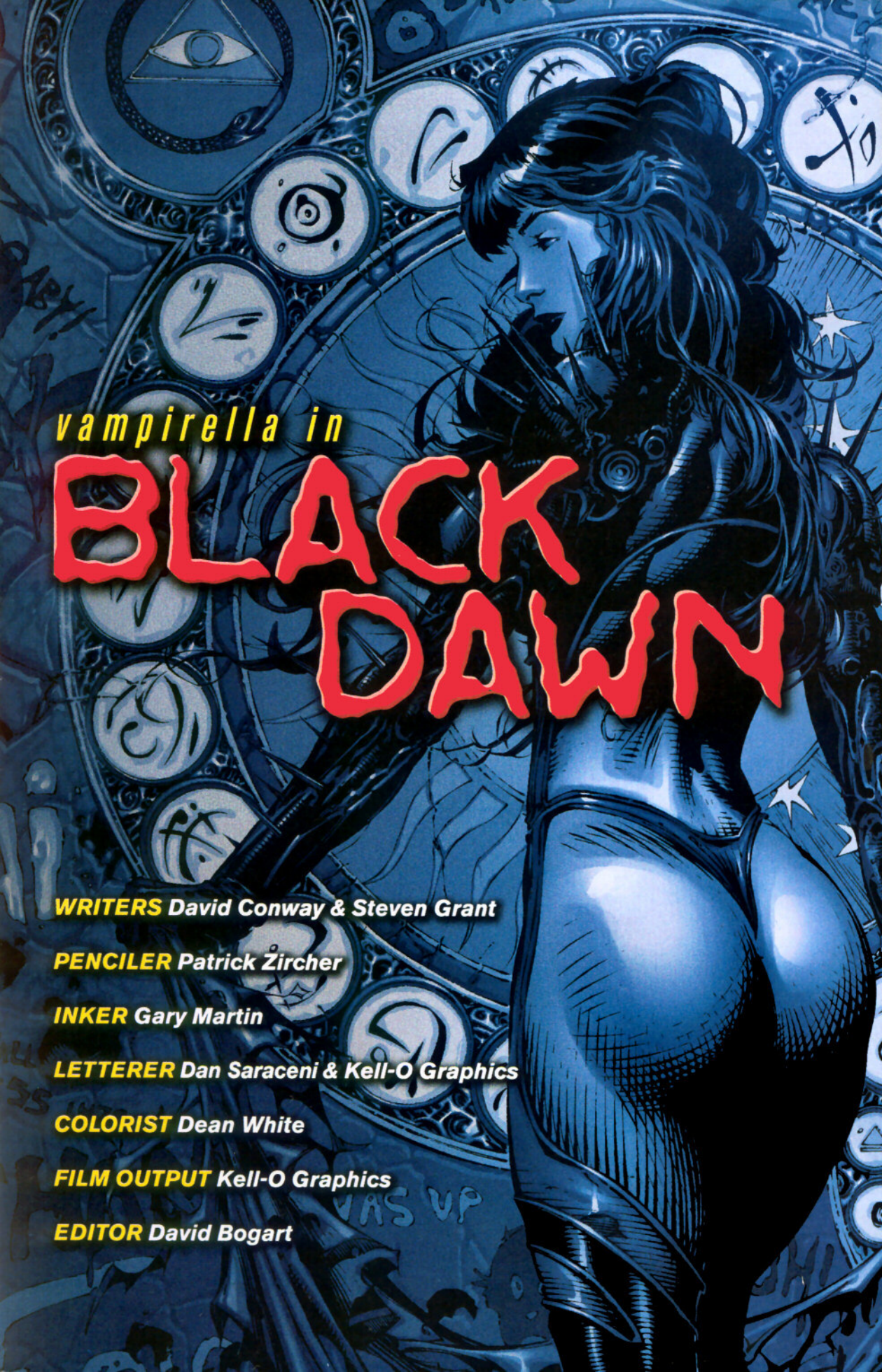
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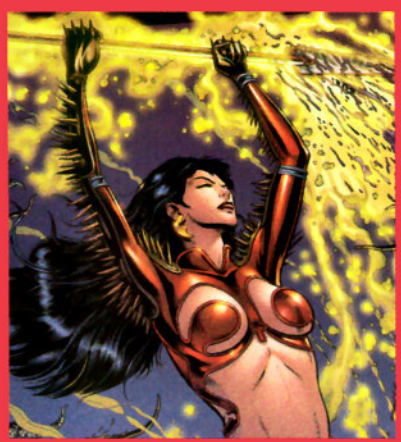
THE STORY SO FAR

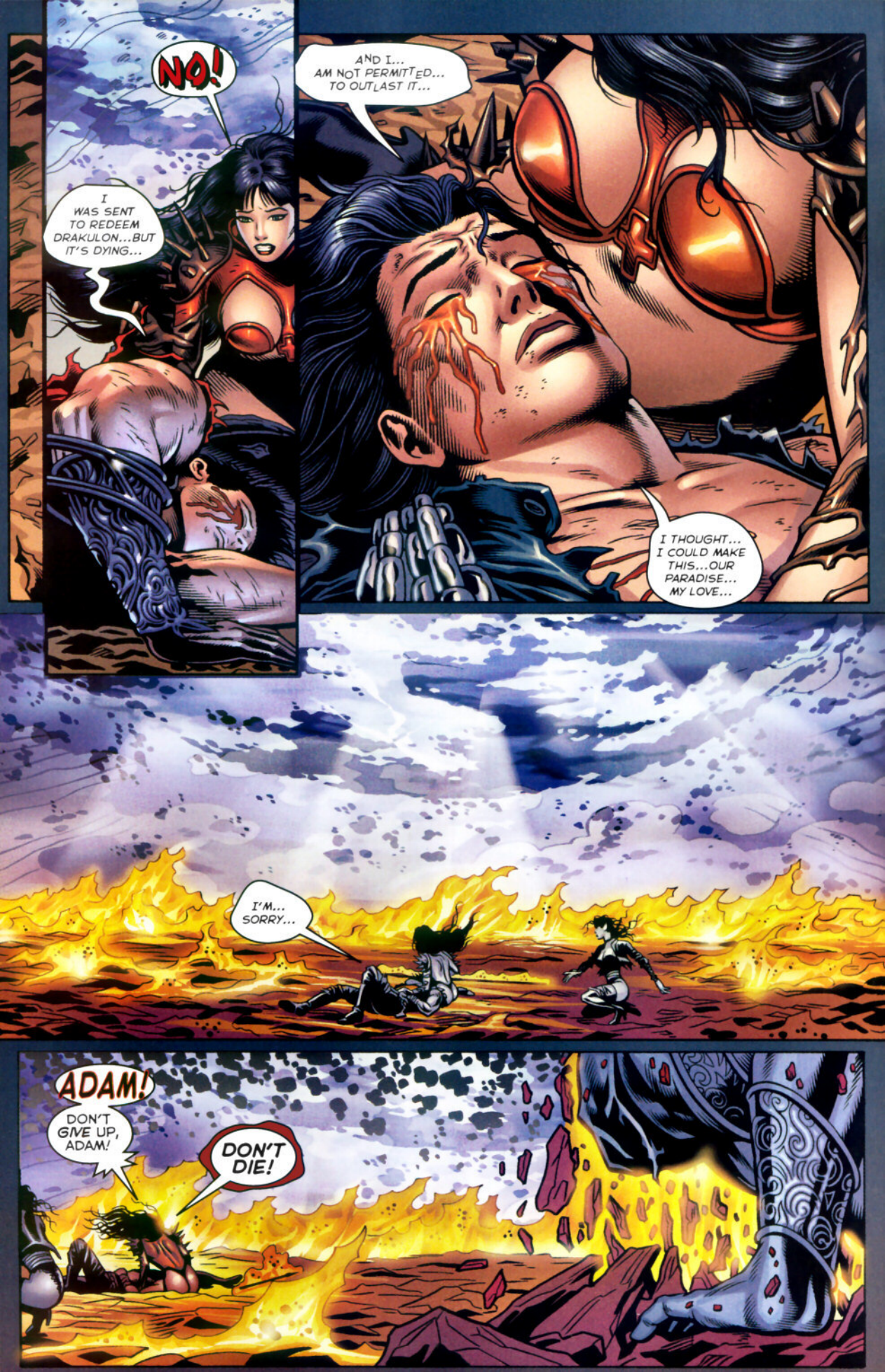
Vampirella has gone in search of the mysterious Heart of Darkness, the only thing that can restore her homeland Drakulon to its former glory. Inside Mount Drak'un, she becomes engaged in battle against the Voidswarm—an entity that contains the souls of all her past vampire victims.

Watching her struggles, the angel Metatron recalls how the Heart of Darkness came to be. Long ago, a fallen angel died at his hand, and all her evil—Hell's life force—became trapped within her impaled heart. Now that Vampirella searches for it, Metatron fears that this evil may be released once again.



Under attack by both the Voidswarm and Metatron, Vampirella extracts Metatron's lance from the Heart. Her action releases a series of powerful events—Mount Drak'un is destroyed, and although Vampi is saved from attack for the time being, she realizes she is left alone to face yet another evil entity—the Black Sun.

NO!
I ONLY WANTED TO STOP THE VOIDSWARM-- TO END THE CURSE THAT'S KILLING DRAKULON--
WHAT THE HELL DID I DO?!
WHINE... LATER... VAMPIRELLA...
WE NEED... HELP...
LORELEI?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE KILLED WHEN MOUNT DRAK'UN EXPLODED!
YOU DON'T GET RID OF ME... THAT EASILY...
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ADAM...


NO!
I WAS SENT TO REDEEM DRAKULON...BUT IT'S DYING...
AND I... AM NOT PERMITTED... TO OUTLAST IT...
I THOUGHT... I COULD MAKE THIS...OUR PARADISE... MY LOVE...
I'M... SORRY...
ADAM!
DON'T GIVE UP, ADAM!
DON'T DIE!

ADAM'S DEAD, VAMPIRELLA! HE'S DEAD!
HIS DEATH WAS INEVITABLE.
AS IS YOURS!!
METATRON!
HAVEN'T YOU DONE ENOUGH?
I ONLY REGRET THERE'S NO WORSE HELL TO SEND YOU TO.
IF THERE IS--I'LL SEND YOU THERE!!

ARE YOU BLIND TO YOUR OWN SINS, METATRON? DID THE TETRAGRAMMATON SHOW YOU NOTHING?
YOUR ARROGANCE CAUSED THIS DISASTER, AND ANOTHER MURDER WILL DRIVE YOU FROM THE SIGHT OF GOD.
AND THAT, I WILL NOT ALLOW!
YOUR ROLE IN STOPPING THE BLACK SUN IS ALREADY SET!
A HEART MAY YET CONTAIN ITS ESSENCE--
--A HEART LIKE YOURS-- BORN OF HEAVEN YET FOULED WITH THE ROT OF HELL.
LIKE HEAVEN'S EVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME!

YOU BROUGHT THIS ON *YOURSELF*, METATRON.
VAMPI... HELP!!
ADAM'S *BURNING!*
YOU BROUGHT THIS ABOUT--
--YOU'RE A MISTAKE THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE *HAPPENED!*
DIE!

NO!
UZIEL?! YOU DARE BETRAY ME NOW?
LISTEN TO ME, METATRON.
MURDER WAS NEVER HIS WILL! IT MADE THIS HELL!
THIS SIN WILL DAMN YOU AS SURELY AS MALKUTH!
SETTING FOOT HERE, DAMNS YOU, UZIEL--
STAND AGAINST ME, AND SHARE HER FATE!
IS THE TRUTH...SO BLINDING...YOU MUST TURN AWAY...?
YOU ARE...LOST... METATRON...
YOU... HAVE...BECOME... MALKUTH...

THE TETRAGRAMMATON WILL NEVER BE PROFANED BY THE TOUCH OF THIS WRETCHED PLACE.
IT IS NOW, AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, THE PROOF OF MY AUTHORITY!
YOU SICK, MURDERING BASTARD!
THAT'S HOW YOU JUSTIFY ALL THIS BUTCHERY?!
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT ANGEL BLOOD TASTES LIKE!
HOLY FIRE...AND IT ISN'T MEANT FOR YOU.
BURN WITH YOUR WORLD IN THE FIRES OF HELL.

DON'T TRY TO *FIGHT* ME, VAMPIRELLA.

GOD *HIMSELF* IS ON MY SIDE. WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

A BROKEN LANCE, *ALREADY* PROVED USELESS AGAINST ME.

THE TETRAGRAMMATON *RECOILS* FROM MY TOUCH--

WHA...WHAT IS THIS *LIGHT*?

MAYBE IT'S MAKING A *POINT!*

DIE-- *YOU SELF-RIGHTEOUS SON OF A BITCH!*

A HEART BORN OF HEAVEN BUT FOULED BY HELL, ISN'T *THAT* WHAT YOU SAID?

MALKUTH'S FALL MADE THIS HELL!

YOUR HEART *THIS* TIME, METATRON--NOT MINE!

SO LET'S SEE IF YOUR *DAMNATION--*

--BUYS ITS *SALVATION!*

MY EYES! I'M BLIND!

WHY?!

VAMPIRELLA!

GET BACK! IT'LL KILL YOU!

I THOUGHT... I THOUGHT THE EYE OF GOD WOULD...WOULD PROTECT US...

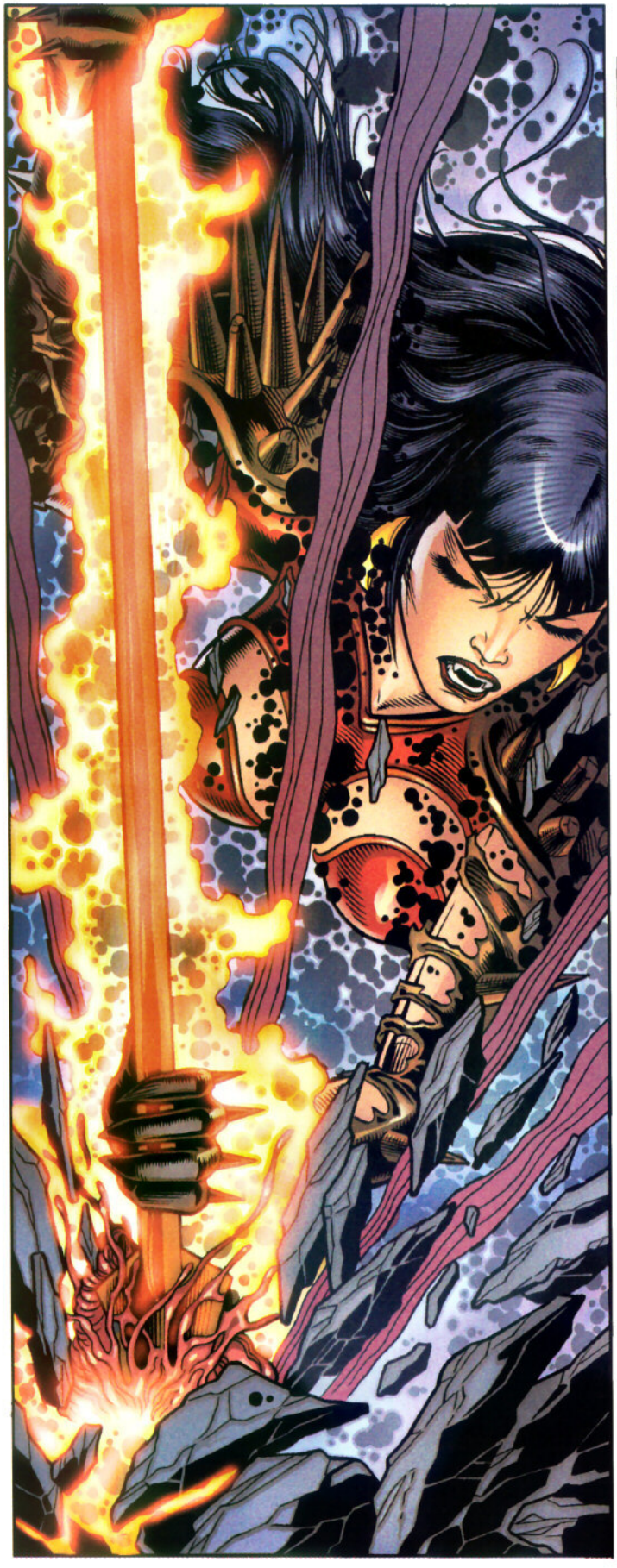
HOW CAN YOU STAND THIS AGONY?!

I REFUSE TO LOSE!

I REFUSE TO DIE!

I REFUSE TO SURRENDER THE UNIVERSE TO THAT!

I REFUSE!



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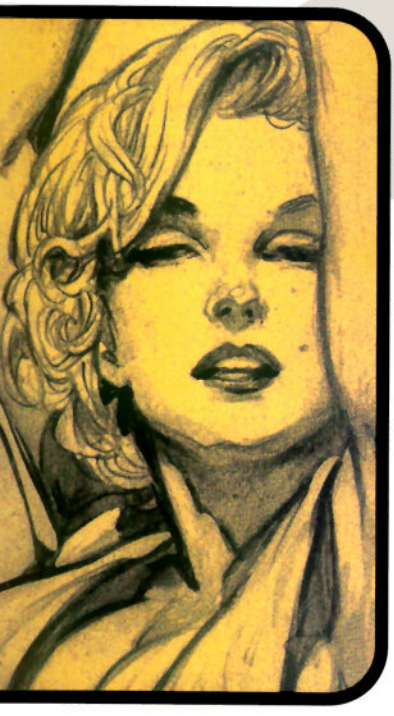

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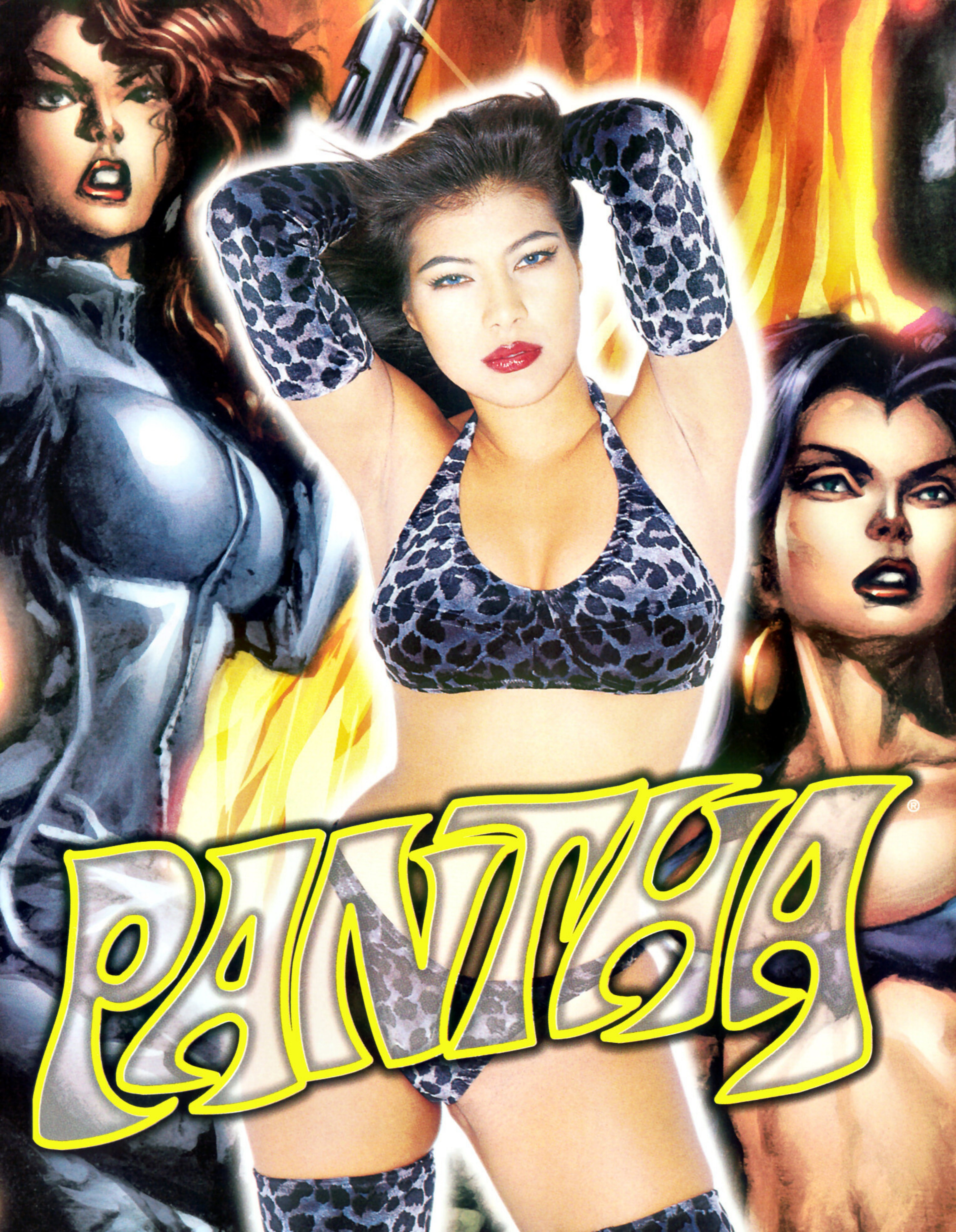
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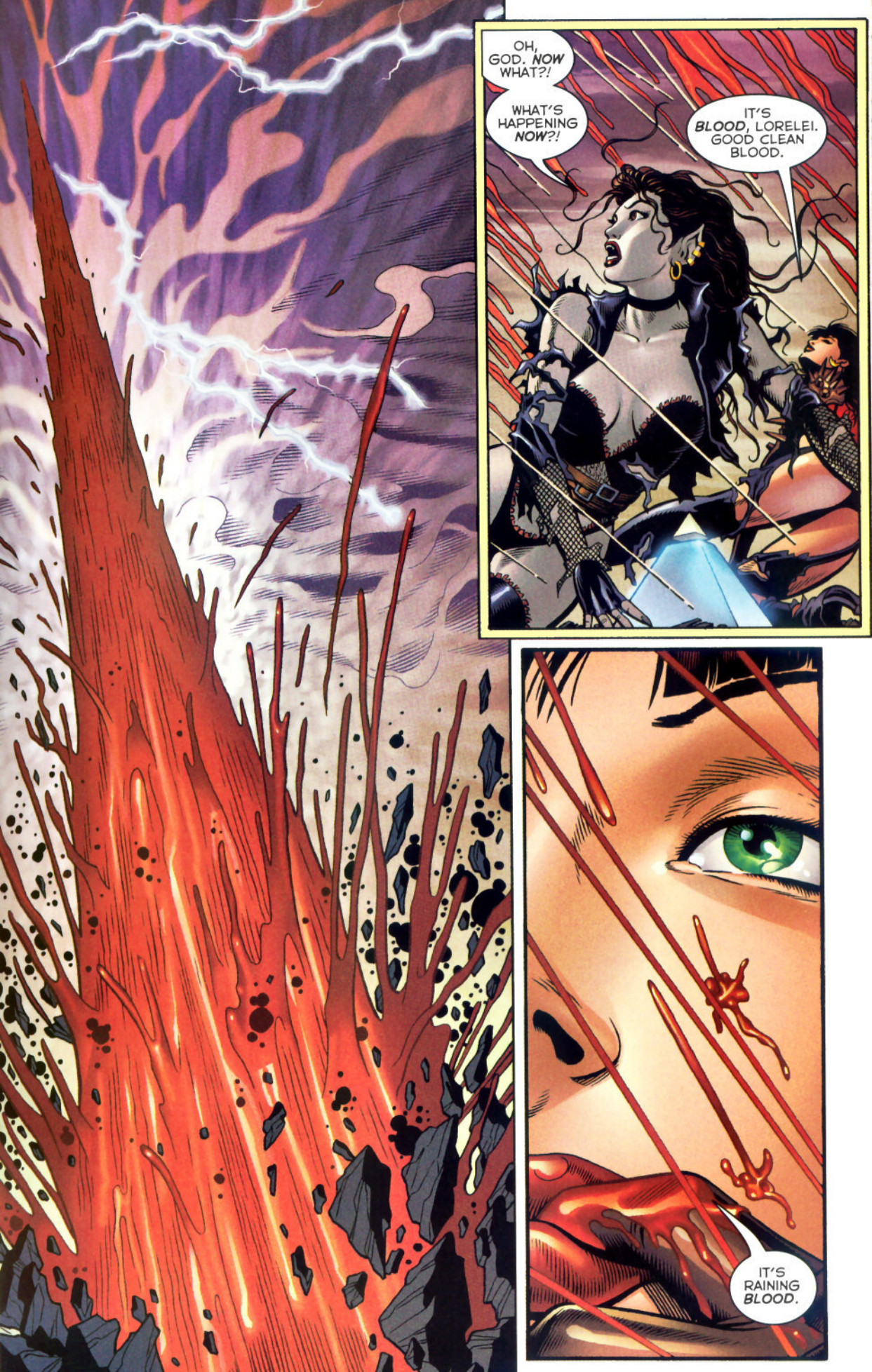
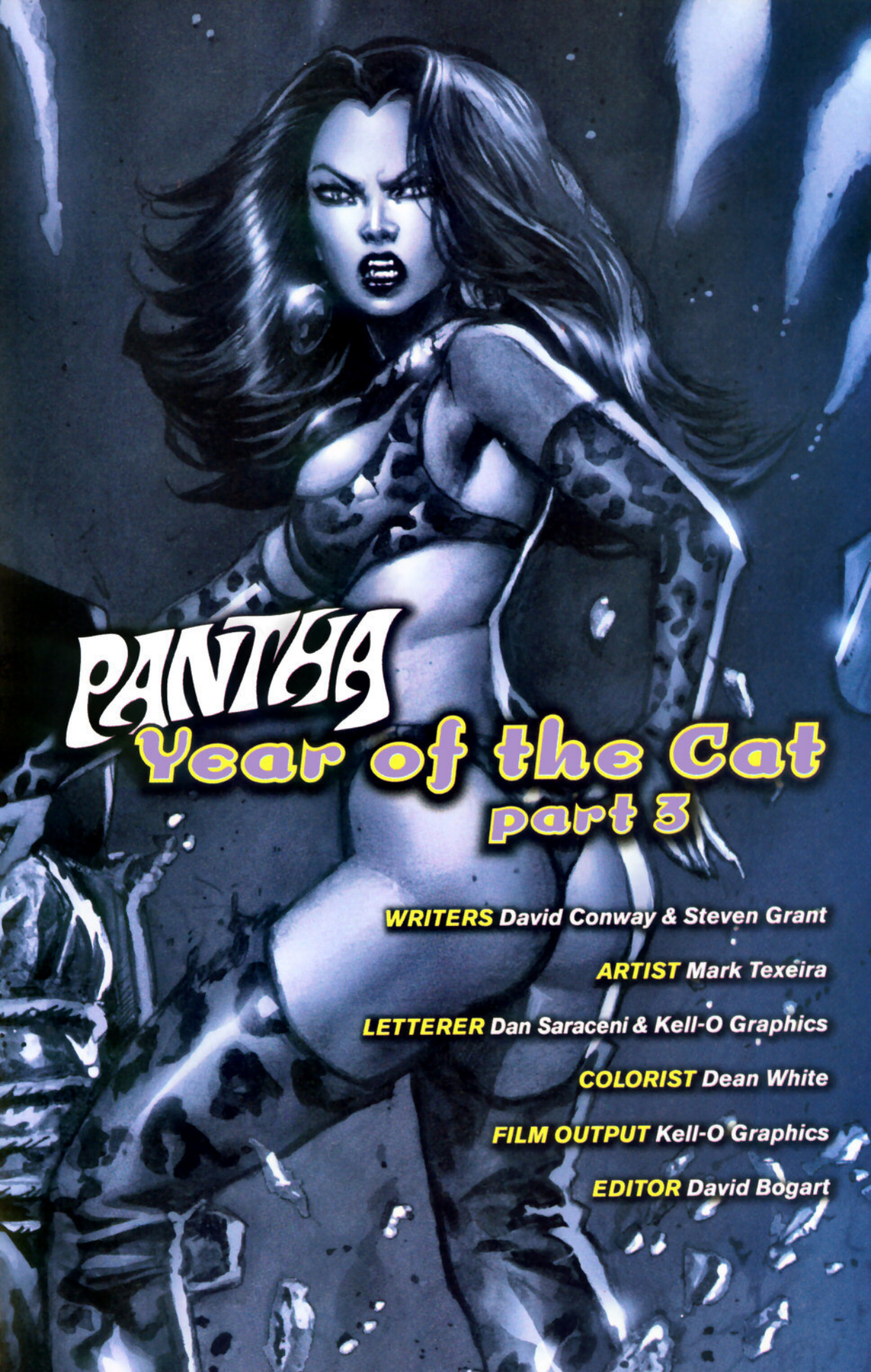

OH, GOD. NOW WHAT?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?!
IT'S BLOOD, LORELEI. GOOD CLEAN BLOOD.
IT'S RAINING BLOOD.

EPILOGUE:
EVEN NOW--AFTER ALL THIS TIME--I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT'S REAL. DRAKULON ALIVE AGAIN, JUST AS I REMEMBERED IT.
BUT METATRON CREATED DRAKULON WHEN HE IMPALED MALKUTH'S HEART HERE AEONS AGO--AND SHE WAS AN ANGEL TOO.
I DIDN'T REALLY THINK THAT I COULD REPEAT THAT TRICK...
...STILL, IT'S A SORT OF POETIC JUSTICE, I SUPPOSE.
YEAH, INSTANT KARMA--VAMPIRE STYLE!
ALL MY LIFE, ALL I'VE EVER KNOWN--THE PLACE I CALLED HOME--HAS ALWAYS BEEN SICK WITH DEATH.
EVERYONE I'VE EVER KNOWN OR LOVED HAS DIED...

BUT YOU MANAGED TO REVERSE THAT TOO!
DRAKULON IS THE SOURCE OF ALL OUR LIVES, LORELEI--MINE AS MUCH AS ANY VAMPIRE'S.
WHEN VAMPIRELLA SAVED THE LIFE OF OUR WORLD, SHE SAVED US ALL.
NOT JUST OURS, BUT HIS TOO.
AND HE'S JUST A TOURIST.
LORELEI!
OWWW, THAT HURTS!
WHAT IS IT, VAMPIRELLA? WHAT'S WRONG?
THE CROSS, LORELEI. THE CROSS ON MY GLOVE!
YOU TOUCHED IT-- AND IT HAD NO EFFECT!
THE CROSS OF CHRIST IS THE MOST POTENT PROTECTION THE SISTERHOOD HAVE AGAINST VAMPIRES-- WITHOUT IT THEY'RE PRACTICALLY DEFENSELESS.
MY GOD, DIXIE--SHE COULD BE IN REAL DANGER NOW! HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED?
THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW AGE, VAMPIRELLA-- NOT JUST FOR DRAKULON, BUT FOR ALL CREATION.
THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BLACK SUN PURGED DRAKULON OF THE LEGACY OF EVIL.

IT IS NOW UNLEASHED THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS AND NOTHING IN HEAVEN OR EARTH--NOT THE CROSS OR ANY HOLY ICON--CAN STOP IT.
THIS ISN'T YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, VAMPIRELLA. YOU'VE EARNED A REST. WE ALL HAVE.
NO, ADAM--IT IS MY FAULT!
SOMEHOW I CAUSED THIS WHEN I RELEASED METATRON'S LANCE FROM THE HEART OF HELL AND FREED MALKUTH'S ESSENCE.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THAT CONCENTRATION OF EVIL REACHES EARTH--IF I'M NOT THERE TO STOP IT?!
I LOVE DRAKULON, ADAM, AND I LOVE YOU, BUT EARTH NEEDS ME. IT NEEDS A PROTECTOR.
MY FRIENDS NEED ME.
I'M GOING BACK!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HER STORY SO FAR

Pantha is the keeper and sworn protector of the Scarab of Osiris, a sacred object with the power to alter the world,s course for either good or evil. Now, she is locked in an epic battle against Dr. Midwinter, who has been pursuing the scarab ever since he used it to secure his own immortality during World War II. Not content with immortality, he now seeks the scarab to bring about a dark new age in which he will rule supreme.

Tired of playing this century-spanning game of cat-and-mouse, Pantha pursues Midwinter all the way to Germany, where she intends to end their conflict once and for all. There, she falls prey to Midwinter,s trap and finds herself imprisoned within his Berlin stronghold.

Caught and bound, threatened with torture, Pantha refuses to give up the scarab, no matter what the cost.

SIXTY YEARS I WAITED, AND FINALLY THE KEY TO INFINITY--THE DAWN OF THE NEW COSMIC ORDER--RESTS IN MY PALM.
THE SCARAB OF IMMORTALITY IS AGAIN MINE!
"JAH, LIEBCHEN. YOURS WILL SOON TURN COMPLETELY BLACK."
PANTHA?
WHAT THE HELL...?
Dixie
Dixie Sorry to leave you behind. I do appreciate your offer of help but I must do this alone
I play a dangerous game of cat and mouse and I'm the bait I may not return
I RARELY HAVE SUCH DELIGHTFUL COMPANY TO SHARE MY TRIUMPHS WITH.
ENJOY IT NOW, MIDWINTER. MOODS CHANGE.
"WHATEVER HAPPENS, GUARD THE SACRED SCARAB."
"IT BESTOWS LIFE."
VAS? IT SHOULDN'T BE DOING THAT!
MEIN GOTT!
"IT BRINGS DEATH."

"DURING MY TIME WITH THE RED SISTERHOOD, THEY BUILT ME A FALSE SCARAB. I CARRY THIS WITH ME NOW."
"IT LOOKS TO THE UNTRAINED, OVEREAGER EYE LIKE THE REAL THING--AN ERROR I PRAY *MIDWINTER* MAKES."
KAHOOOM
"REMOVED FROM ME, IT WILL ACTIVATE, TO VIOLENTLY DISRUPT NEGATIVE ENERGY IN PROPORTION TO ITS CONCENTRATION."

"IN MIDWINTER'S STRONGHOLD, IT MAY PRODUCE A BLAST EVEN I CAN'T SURVIVE."
SLUT!
WHAT DID YOU DO?
THE SISTERHOOD CALL THAT A DAMASCUS DEVICE-- BUT I PREFER THE TERM "ATUM BOMB."
"LIFE'S A GAMBLE-- I REALIZED THAT LONG AGO, AND WHEN THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU--"
"--YOU HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO STACK THE DECK."
MIDWINTER SHOULD HAVE PAID MORE ATTENTION.
TO LOSE ONE HAND IS UNFORTUNATE.
BUT TO LOSE TWO BEGINS TO LOOK LIKE CARELESSNESS!

"IF I SURVIVE, I'LL BE BACK."
"AFTER MIDWINTER'S DEAD."
"HE AND HIS KIND HAVE TAKEN UP *TOO MUCH* OF MY PAST."
"I MAKE IT MY GIFT TO THE FUTURE TO SEE THE *NEXT* MILLENNIUM IS *FREE* OF HIM."
ABBATOIR
"ATUM" BOMB. *HA.* WHAT A CLEVER *TRICK*. WHAT A CLEVER, *CLEVER* KITTY.
TOO CLEVER. TOO *SURE*.
YOUR AEON IS OVER, PANTHA. THE TRUE GODS ARE COMING--AND THEY ARE ON MY SIDE.
TOMORROW BELONGS TO *ME!*
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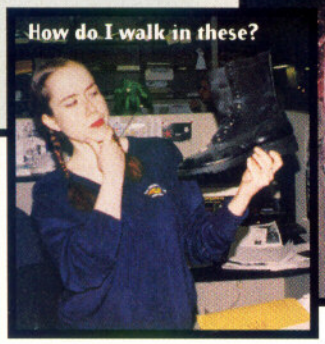
BLOOD TYPE

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS SETH???

If you read last month's Blood Type (and if you didn't, what the hell's wrong with you? Go get an issue! Now!) you already know that one lucky reader who can correctly identify the location of former Harris swinger Seth Biederman will receive some succulent gifts? (Not to mention our undying admiration!)

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH, new editorial assistant Nicole attempts to fill the enormous shoes Seth left behind.



How do I walk in these?

Where, oh where can he be?

THE VAMPI MANGA FAN AWARD GOES TO...

Dear Blood Type,

I love Vampirella and I love manga. Unfortunately, there are very, very few comics combining both of them—only the Vampirella Manga 2999 Ashcan (which is expensive!) and the Shi/Vampirella from Crusade (which I consider the best manga Vampirella story so far, but, sadly, is not from Harris!). Bravo to Kevin Lau!

So, with my desire for more manga Vampi and backed up with my modeling experiences, I decided to create my own manga Vampi model, that I can look at (AND HOLD!) every day!

After about 1 month, I managed to finish the model. I have enclosed some photographs of the completed manga Vampi model. I hope you can help me share it with other Vampi fans worldwide.

THE MODEL: This model started out as the Sailor Mars action figure of the Sailor Moon line. The face, hair and style were perfect to serve as a base for my manga Vampi figure. The molded-on clothes were then removed, and a new costume and collar were added before the painting started. It was then finished with acrylic paints. The finished model stands about 6 inches, excluding the base.

ABOUT ME: I am 31. I work as an architect during the day, and in a hobby shop during the evening. I love model-making (into which I have logged some 18 years of experience, including figure modeling for the last 2 years, and 6 championship titles). This is my first Vampi model and I believe it will not be the last one!

Thank you, and please give us more manga Vampi.

Yours Sincerely,
Iwan Winarta
Jakarta, Indonesia

P.S. I just got my *Vampirella Monthly* #11 yesterday. Julie Strain as Vampi really kicks @$$! I vote for her as the best Vampi model!

Iwan Winarta's Vampi Manga creation.

Iwan's model is so cool that great Vampi gifts shall be bestowed unto him, including a Manga 2999 ashcan signed by Kevin Lau!

Plus, Iwan and other manga Vampi fans will be psyched to know that Harris is planning the release of a brand-new manga Vampi book!!! Vampi Manga 3000 will be available this July, so don't miss it!

Dearest Harris Bloodeditors:

I have been a Vampirella fan since the old Warren days when the ink kinda reached out and grabbed you and "sucked" you into the story. I have been hooked ever since. Vampirella's hiatus from the scene was oh so miserable. I am so glad you resurrected her through the pages of your books. There are so many titles it is a bit confusing sometimes, but I grasp what I can. The Scarlet Legion is great! I have been a member since I first found out about it. I wish that Scarlet Letters could be a color "zine". It would just enhance things. Your re-enrollment incentives are cool too, although I have many of the things you offer. I really, really like Julie Strain as THE Vampi model. She is Delishiiis!!!!! I have created a few custom action figures of Vampi. If I sent photos, could you print

them? I have been a Scarlet Legion member since the start and have enjoyed my benefits (Lots o' goodies).

Bite me.
James Dean
Newport News, VA

If you're enjoying Vampi's resurrection in her most recent books, you won't believe what's coming! The next monthly arc (starting with Monthly #16) features your favorite blood-sucking heroine, as well as a brand-new Pantha storyline that old fans and new readers will find easy to follow. Keep your eyes peeled!!!

And as you can see from the samples above, James, we're more than happy to print photos of Vampi model statues and other forms of fan art. Send those babies ASAP!

And speaking of Vampi models... wait till you see the next Scarlet Legion newsletter! The Scarlet Letters #14 is set to feature a retrospective of Vampi models past and present, with plenty of photo action! Current Vampi model Julie Strain will be featured alongside her predecessors as they look back at Vampirella's history. If you don't belong to the Legion already, then join now!! This is not an issue to be missed!!

Julie Strain: Vampi model extraordinaire.

VAMPIRELLA: FRIEND FOR LIFE

Dear Blood Type,

I have been a Vampirella fan since I saw my first Warren issue at age 13, about 23 years ago. I do not know whatever happened to the first few comics I owned featuring the adventures of everyone's favorite Drakulonian, but my memory of Vampirella stayed with me.

Many years later, in March of 1995, I saw the issue of Combo promoting the first set of Vampirella trading cards from Topps and realized that Vampirella was still around. From that time, I have been collecting the Harris issues and any back issues I could find. Sadly missing from my collection is *Morning In America* #4 and *Vampirella Summer Nights*. Will Harris Publications be making these issues available again? Also, I think I heard something about a Vampirella action figure—any truth to this?

To date, my Vampirella collection consists of 161 issues (comics and trade paperbacks) from Harris and 18 issues of the original Warren magazine. Enclosed is a photo of my bedroom wall featuring Vampirella with signed prints by Joe Jusko and Louis Small, Jr., and original art by Amanda Conner, as well as the Combo cover that re-sparked my interest in Vampirella. I look forward to many more years of reading Vampirella.

Sanguineously yours,
Joseph F. Kalynycz
Romulus, MI

We were so excited to read of Joseph's long-term relationship with Vampi that we decided to send him a complimentary copy of Morning In America, Book 4, *to help make his collection more complete!*

*And yes, Joseph, there is a Vampi action figure—but we don't like to give away all our secrets at once. This very special item is not available yet, but you'll find some awesome behind-the-scenes info in the next issue of The Scarlet Letters, available **only** to members of the Scarlet Legion. We'll remind you once more: there couldn't be a better time to join the most bloodily delicious fan club ever!*

Joseph's room sports the best wallpaper money can buy!

VAMPIRELLA FAN ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

This fancy airbrush work is by Robert Oehil from Bavaria, West Germany

OOPS! WE MESSED UP...

In the last issue, we forgot to credit Joe Weems for his incomparable inks over David Finch on the cover for issue #13. Harris regrets the error, and offers to make it up to Mr. Weems by sending him extra copies of David Bogart in his Vampi wig.

PANTHA #1 / VAMPIRELLA #16

MOVE OVER, VAMPI, THERE'S A NEW CAT IN TOWN!!! Next month, Pantha takes over the *Vampirella* monthly and stars in her own adventure!!! This demonic kitty will be showing up all over comic stores next month, so don't miss out—look for the purrr-fectly gorgeous photo covers!!!

And remember, you may love us or hate us, but by the twin suns of Drakulon, *don't stop writing to us!!!* Send comments, photos and artwork to:

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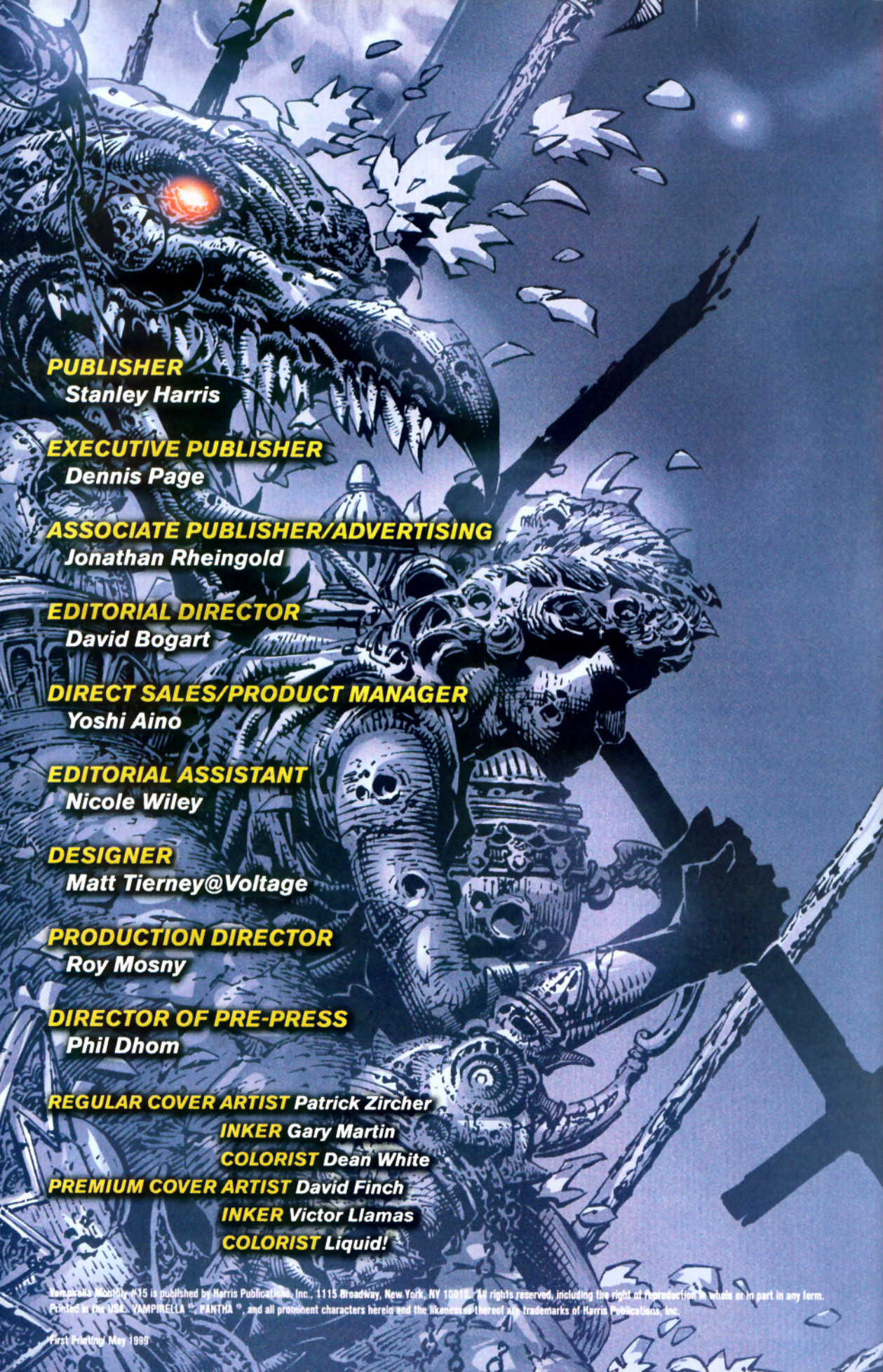

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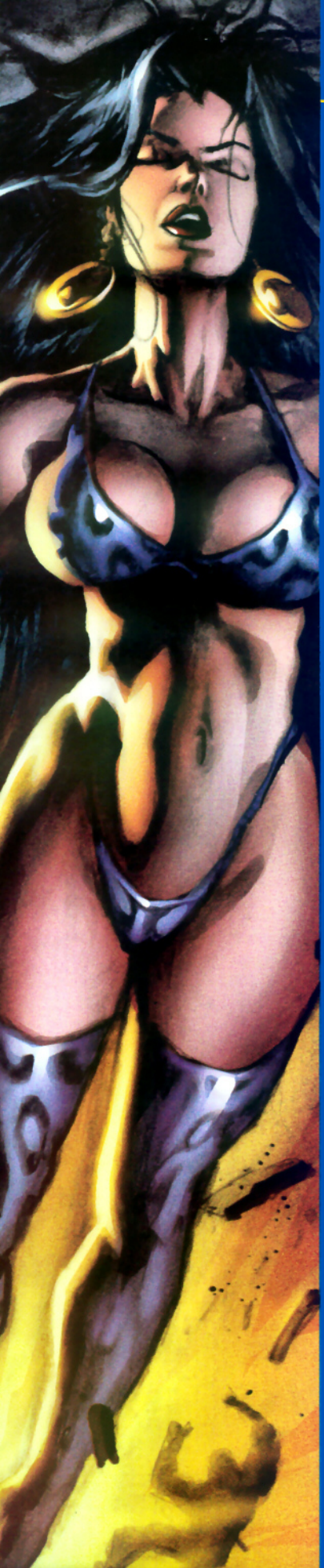

FEATURING PANTHA: YEAR OF THE CAT PART 3

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